Formation of National Drug Authority (NDA)

4. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up an independent body known as the National Drug Authority (NDA) which will be responsible for determining pricing parameters, quantity control and the span of drugs that ought to be under price control as reported in the Economic Times dated 18th November, 1993;

(b) if so, the details/composition thereof, indicating the present stage of approval by Cabinet;

(c) whether NDA would annually review the span or control on drugs and determine the extent of price revisions to be provided; and

(d) by when the new Drug Policy is likely to be announced and also indicating whether the Annual Report of NDA would be placed before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) A Background Note on Review of Drug Policy 1986 was discussed in both the Houses of Parliament in August, 1993. Final decisions on various aspects of the Review of Drug Policy, 1986 are still to be taken.

Control of molasses by States

5. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) the States which are still adopting molasses control even after the announcement of molasses, decontrol policy by the Central Government; and

(b) the steps taken/to be taken by Government for them to enforce real decontrol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Major Sugar producing States like U.P., Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Haryana are retaining controls on molasses. Affected parties have moved petitions in concerned High Courts challenging the continuation of controls over molasses by the states.

Implementation of Provisions of Drug Policy 1986

6. PROF. I. G. SANADI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of provisions of existing Drug policy 1986 have not been implemented at all or have been implemented partially; and

(b) if so, the details of such provisions and the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) To the extent practically possible, all the provisions of existing Drug Policy, 1986 are being implemented.

(b) Does not arise.

Overcharging of Prices of Drugs/Medicines

7. PROF. I. G. SANADI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding overcharging of prices of medicines/drugs which have come to the notice of Government under Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Control Order (DPCO) 1978 and 1987 and what action has been taken against each such company; and

(b) what is the present position of each case?